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Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” – Luke 15:31-32

Marriage

On your wedding day, when you said: “I take you to be my spouse” you promised to embrace not only what is good about your spouse, but also what is imperfect about him or her, as well. How are you keeping that promise?



Stewardship

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God has for us alone, who will do it?



LATER . . .

One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. — Samuel Johnson

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

This Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy offers both an invitation and a opportunity for us as Catholics, whatever our ages or vocations, to partake of the graces of this year, promoting it in



our families and parishes, and inviting those who have fallen away to return and receive the blessing of God's gracious and merciful love. May we celebrate well this special Holy Year that we might experience more profoundly the “mercy of God in the face of Jesus.”

– Excerpt from December 2015, *Christ is Our Hope* by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Siegel



Church Practices

A traditional Catholic is someone who views the traditions of the Church not just as an optional extra to Catholicism but practicing our faith and living our lives with the wisdom passed on from our fathers in faith is a necessary and intrinsic part of Catholicism. Being a Catholic is not just about believing as the Church has believed but is also about worshipping God in the way the Church has passed down to us.

Laetare Sunday: Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that *Latin* remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, *Latin* reasserts itself, as it does in the case of *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare Sunday* is the popular name for the *Fourth Sunday in Lent*. *Laetare* means “**Rejoice**” in *Latin*, and the entrance antiphon is *Isaiah 66:10-11*, which begins “*Laetare, Jerusalem*” (“*Rejoice, O Jerusalem*”). Because the midpoint of *Lent* is the Thursday of the third week of *Lent*, *Laetare Sunday* has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of *Lent* is briefly lessened. The passage from *Isaiah* continues, “*rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow,*” and on *Laetare Sunday*, the purple vestments and altar cloths of *Lent* are set aside,

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and rose ones are used in-stead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during *Lent*, may be placed on the *altar*. Traditionally, the organ was never played during *Lent*, except on *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare Sunday* is also known as *Rose Sunday* or *Refreshment Sunday*, and it has a counterpart in the *Sea-son of Advent* – *Gaudete Sunday*, the *Third Sunday of Advent*, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.



Every Catholic child deserves and requires a Catholic education and this can best be accomplished by attending a Catholic school. While there may be alternatives there are no substitutes for Catholic schools, for in them there are lessons taught that last a lifetime.

The very purpose of our Catholic Faith Formation is to form the next generation of Catholics in the teachings and traditions of the Church to become her future leaders. We are educating the future servants of Jesus. We are providing our young parishioners with the most important thing we have to offer = the gift of FAITH!

We invite and encourage all our parents of young children to make every effort and plan to send their children to our weekly Catholic Faith Formation sessions. Every child makes a difference to our Catholic community and our Catholic community makes a difference in the life of your child. No child will be denied admittance to St. Michael's Faith Formation Program.

We give thanks to God for the gift of St. Michael's Catholic Faith Formation Ministry. We recognize this important ministry and formation of our young parishioners who will be the Catholic leaders of tomorrow – here and beyond.

We thank our parents who make a sacrifice to send their children to our Catholic Faith Formation sessions and for their cooperation.

We thank our catechists and staff for their dedication to both our students and our community.

We thank our Military Archdiocese and parishioners who prayerfully and financially support the operation of our Catholic Faith Formation Sessions.

In the name of our students, faculty and staff
"Thanks, be to God, from Whom all blessings flows!"

Altar Servers Are Needed

If you have received our First Holy Communion, you can serve as an Altar Server. We need you!



QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

Tempered with Humility

When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

Be Bold, Be Catholic!

Pray the Rosary, daily!

And,



"Pax et Bonum!"

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